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Over 500 illegal hoardings ruin city landscape

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Mysuru, Dec. 15 (RK&BCT)- Across Mysuru city, over 500 unauthorised advertising hoardings have cropped up, with the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) officials seemingly turning a blind eye. The MCC has accorded permission to only 210 hoardings. The MCC's promise to transform the city into a flex-free zone appears hollow as large advertising hoardings made of flex continue to be installed on prominent roads, junctions and circles without official permission. This has sparked public outrage, raising questions about their commitment to keeping the city clean.

Over 25 hoardings line the stretch from Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Metropole Circle) to Hinkal Ring Road Junction on Hunsur Road. Similarly, the section of KRS Road from Royal Inn Junction to Dasappa Circle hosts 10 hoardings.

On JLB Road, from Dasappa Circle to Nanjangud Road (near JSS College), as many as 30 hoardings are installed. Additional hoardings dominate prominent roads such as Sayyaji Rao Road, Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road, Chamaraja Double Road, and M.G. Road, bringing the city's total to over 750 hoardings of various sizes.

Notably, some hoardings display official information, such as directions on one side, while the other side is used for private advertisements. While the MCC has approved only 210 advertisement boards for 2024-25, over 500 unauthorised hoardings have been installed, tarnishing the city's aesthetics.

(See HOARDINGS on page 6)

Week's deadline to remove unauthorised hoardings

"The MCC has issued a week's deadline to remove unauthorised advertisement hoardings. Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, MCC Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Somashekar stated that the MCC has permitted only 210 hoardings. "Notices have been issued to advertisers, instructing them to remove these boards within a week. A meeting with all Zonal Officers, Development Officers and Engineers has been scheduled for next Thursday. During the meeting, they will submit area-wise lists of authorised and unauthorised hoardings," he said.

The MCC earns over Rs. 2 crore annually from advertisement boards. "As custodians of Mysuru's cultural heritage, we will act to protect the city's environment. Zonal Officers have been instructed to grant permissions only after proper authorisation," said Somasekhar."

To Our Readers

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City's War Memorial to be completed by 2025 R-Day

Final polishing work underway for granite slabs; engraving work next

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (MTY & BCT)- The construction of the War Memorial at the NCC Parade Grounds near the old Deputy Commissioner's Office along Mysuru-Hunsur Road in the city has reached its final stage.

Work has begun to polish the slabs, which will complete the War Memorial in time for Republic Day celebrations on Jan. 26, 2025, honouring the soldiers who defended the nation and made supreme sacrifice. The construction of War Memorial in city was a 25-year struggle, but fortunately, the project is nearing completion after a prolonged delay. Over the past few years, the construction has been progressing steadily and has reached its final stage. After a brief hiatus over the past 2-3 months, the construction resumed yesterday.

The granite slabs for the War Memorial being placed at the site for polishing and engraving works.

Six months ago, the foundation for the Memorial was laid with cement, upon which six massive slabs were placed. Additionally, six large stone slabs, previously donated from Chamarajanagar district, were shaped and positioned for this purpose. These slabs were polished in the initial stage and prepared in a gopuram-style finish.

(See MEMORIAL on page 4)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 15th December 2024

Discourse at Ganapathy Ashram from tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (TRR)- City-based Datta Sene and Upanyasa Malike Samiti, have organised a three-day religious discourse by 'Pravachana Chakravarti' Dr. Pavagada Prakash Rao, Bengaluru, at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram on Nanjangud Road from Dec. 16 to 18.

Dr. Pavagada Prakash Rao

Dec. 16 (5.30 pm): Discourse on 'Veda Swaroopa Parichaya' Avadhoota Datta Peetham Pontiff Sri Ganapathy Sachchidanananda Swamiji and Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji will inaugurate the discourse event tomorrow at 5.30 pm. Melukote Vangipura Mutt Seer Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji, ADC Dr. P. Shivaraju, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, industrialist Mahesh Shenoy, retd. ADGP Bhaskar Rao, social worker Raghuram Vajpayee, District Brahmins Association President D.T. Prakash and Saptarshi Souharda Society Director Nagachandra will be the guests.

Dec. 17 (5.30 pm): Discourse on 'Upanishad Darshana.' Adarsha Seva Sangha President G.R. Nagaraj, hotelier Ravi Shastri, Hoysala Karnataka Sangha President K.R. Sathyanarayana, Lakshmipuram Circle Inspector Ravishankar, Congress leader Jayaraj, Haridasa Samiti President Ravikumar, Developer Girish, Vontikoppal Sri Lakshmi Venkataramanaswamy Temple Trustee Puttaswamy will be the chief guests.

Dec. 18 (5.30 pm): Discourse on 'Dattavadhootara Avatara.' Valedictory will be held in the presence of both the Seers of Sri Ganapathy Ashram. Vipra community leaders Raghunatha & Lakshmikanth from Bengaluru, Narasimhan of Jyothi Groups of Institutions, Bengaluru, industrialist Rajashekar, Congress leader M.N. Naveen Kumar, Zilla Brahmana Mahasabha President Dr. Nataraj Jois and Vipra Vakila Parishat President Ravindra will be chief guests.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

ADHERING TO DHARMA: ***Upholding dharma (righteousness) is the basis for practising bhakti (devotion). Bhakti and dharma are coextensive. Thirukkudanthai Dr. Venkatesh said in a discourse that a person cannot excel without following righteous principles. We have to set an example for future generations by practising dharma. Dharma teaches us to be steadfast in treating both pleasure and pain alike. A person can derive peace of mind by treading righteous ways. Chandokya Upanishad says a person begs sitting on a piece of land not knowing that a vast treasure of gold deposits is hidden in it. Likewise, God's ever-happy and peaceful form (*Ananda Swarupa*) resides in our hearts. Still, we do not realise the same and feel loathed over various petty issues, problems and difficulties.***

It is said that God will be displeased with those who do not follow dharma. Grandsire Bhishma and Acharya Drona did not curb Duryodhana's devilish act of disrobing Draupadi. As they failed to uphold dharma, they were the ones to be killed before Duryodhana.

The family setup is the most excellent institution for spreading the tenets of righteousness, and it should be fostered. The epic Ramayana contains excellent lessons on the principles of dharma. Swamy Sri Vedanta Desika says allegorically in his work Sankalpa Suryodayam that Sri Rama is the Lord, Sita is the soul (*jivatma*), Ravana is the mind, and his ten heads are the faculties. Lanka is surrounded by a sea of births and deaths (*samsara*). Sita is kept captive by Ravana under the influence of the faculties. Hanuman, the Acharya, had retrieved the *jivatma* Sita. *—In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Bottled water at $10,000 per litre

Japan: Fillico Jewellery Water is a Japanese company known for selling one of the most expensive bottled waters in the world, with exclusive limited editions selling for up to $10,000 per bottle. Water is one of the most basic human needs, so marketing and selling it as an ultra-luxury product is a pretty big challenge, even among the snobbiest of snobs, but a Japanese company proved it can be done successfully.

Launched in 2005, Fillico Water set out to create a complete luxury experience that would make people reach for their wallets & pay obscene amounts of money to have it. Using some of the purest mineral water in Japan wasn't nearly enough, so they put a lot of work into the design of the packaging, which was marketed as a work of art in itself. Somehow, they made it work, and today Fillico Jewellery Water is one of the most sought-after ultra-luxury bottled water brands in the world, with prices surpassing $1,000 per litre and even several thousand for limited edition offerings.

Blindfolded man executes 41 pickleball serves in a minute

Idaho: The Idaho man, who holds the most concurrent Guinness World Records, added another title to his name by donning a blindfold and performing 41 pickleball serves in one minute.

David "Record Breaker" Rush said his journey toward taking the title for the most blindfolded pickleball serves in one minute began when he came across a video of the previous record, which stood at 23 serves. "And honestly? It looked way too easy. I thought, 'Hey, I could crush this,'" Rush said.

Rush said he managed to hit 43 balls into service square, but 1 landed after the 60 seconds had elapsed and another was disqualified by Guinness World Records for unknown reasons.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Deep breathing exercises can reduce stress, improve lung function, and enhance overall relaxation.

By Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan R - Pulmonology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

'Gaana Gandharva' title conferred on B.P. Manjunath

Senior BJP leader and Karnataka Exhibition Authority former Chairman B.P. Manjunath was conferred with 'Gaana Gandharva' award by Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru and Kavyaloka Trust, Mysuru, at a function held at Rotary Hall on JLB Road in city yesterday. B.P. Manjunath and his wife S. Renuka, who were felicitated on the occasion, are seen with (standing from left) Kavyaloka Trust President Dr. H.B. Rajashekar, his wife Poetess Dr. Latha Rajashekar, former MLC Thontadarya, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, NAREDCO Mysuru Chapter Officer-Bearer A.P. Nagesh and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar.

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Mrs. Chantan: *Let's go to Chennai. I believe Kanchipuram sarees are cheaper there.*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 84.81
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 107.05
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.09
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.08

VOICE OF THE READER

Road accidents and human behaviour

Sir,

In a concerning continuation of previous trends, India recorded over 4.80 lakh road accidents in 2023, resulting in over 1.72 lakh fatalities — the highest number of road accident deaths globally. This marks a 2.6 percent increase in fatalities compared to 2022. Alarmingly, the fatality rate per 100 crashes remained around 36 last year.

The statistics paint a grim picture: Around 10,000 of the fatalities were minors and 35,000 were pedestrians. An estimated 16,000 lives were lost due to not wearing seat belts, while failure to wear helmets resulted in 54,000 deaths.

Accidents involving overloaded vehicles accounted for 12,000 fatalities and driving without a valid licence contributed to approximately 34,000 crashes.

Over-speeding emerged as the leading cause, responsible for 68.1 percent of fatalities. On average, India witnessed 55 crashes and 20 deaths every hour in 2023.

Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, remarked that these alarming figures highlight a lack of respect and fear for the law. He attributed the high accident rates to human behaviour, emphasising the urgent need for a collective commitment from road users, vehicle manufacturers, the Government and law enforcement to reduce accidents and save lives.

Basic safety measures, such as wearing helmets and seat belts, which involve minimal financial effort compared to medical expenses after accidents, could prevent a significant portion of these tragedies.

Yet, many continue to disregard these fundamental rules, turning avoidable incidents into fatal realities. Until stricter enforcement and greater awareness take root, the cycle of road accidents and fatalities is likely to persist.

—Dr. S.V.N. Vijayendra,
ex-Traffic Warden and former Member, City Traffic Advisory Committee, Mysuru
Hyderabad
13.12.2024

Pramoda Devi opens Sayoga Bazaar

Mysuru, Dec. 15- Mysore Royal Family member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar inaugurated the two-day Sayoga Bazaar organised by Sayoga, city's premier yoga lifestyle boutique, at V.V. Mohalla here yesterday.

The two-day extravaganza features an extensive range of products from natural perfumes, fabric dolls, stationary, home decor, macrame products, clothing, jewellery, coffee, gourmet bakery products, plants and succulents, bed linen, squashes and pickles, resin artefacts and furniture and much more.

In her inaugural speech, Pramoda Devi said, "Sayoga Bazaar is a celebration of authenticity, craftsmanship and community. As we embrace and support artisans from diverse regions, we recognise them as entrepreneurs in their own right. Sayoga Bazaar aims to create a platform that not only showcases the cultural richness of Mysuru but also uplifts the artistic endeavours that define our region."

The bazaar also features an array of artworks such as baskets, paper bags, netted crochet work and more by the students of Ranga Rao Memorial School for Differently Abled, all of which will be available for sale.

Sayoga Bazaar will be open for visitors till 7 pm today.

Sayoga Owner Shruthi Ranga, NR Group Chairman R. Guru, Rangsons Aerospace Founder and CEO Pavan Ranga and others were present.

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Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

'Decolonisation' & Rewriting Indian History

Rational approach expected

I received a *WhatsApp* message with a photograph yesterday (14.12.2024) from an ex-army Major General which set me thinking about the way we Indians are. I think the reason for all our problems as a Democratic country is because the way we are — tolerant in the face of intolerance, compromising in the face of victory, servility in the face of superiority. Sometimes cutting the nose to spite our face. Advantage our adversary. The *WhatsApp* message mentioned above seems to substantiate my opinion about we the Indians. But now let me publish excerpts from the *WhatsApp* message. The picture is published above.

The picture is that of the historic surrender of Pakistan Army to Indian Army in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 16th December 1971 following Bangladesh War. That victory day is observed as *Vijay Diwas*. Now the *WhatsApp* message says that this picture that had been in the Army HQ has been removed and the army veterans are much upset and angry.

While it is not clear when the photograph was removed from the army headquarters, veterans believe it is part of the **'decolonisation'** drive undertaken by the BJP government for the past several years. The removal of the iconic photograph, however, is a serious mistake and an insult to the Indian armed forces, they say.

The photograph of the surrender reflected a historic and comprehensive military victory and has inspired successive generations of officers and the ranks. Why would the government decide to remove it from its vantage position at the office of the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) where military leaders from abroad and visitors liked to be photographed with the picture of the surrender as the backdrop?

No explanation has come yet from the Ministry of Defence or the Defence Minister. Veterans however have voiced their dismay at the development. They say it is an assault on military history, tradition and creed.

Chetwode Credo

First: The safety, honour and welfare of your country come FIRST, always and every time.

Second: The honour, welfare and comfort of the men you command come NEXT.

Third: Your own ease, comfort and safety come LAST, always and every time.

They believe that reasons are entirely political and the BJP government at the Centre wants to erase the memory of the 1971 victory so that they do not have to give credit to the then PM Indira Gandhi.

Veterans have also questioned the rationale behind the removal of what is known as the 'Chetwode Credo' too from the Army Head Quarters. Field Marshal Philip Chetwode was the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army and is credited for setting up of the Indian Military Academy in Dehradun. The Chetwode Credo is derived from an address the Field Marshal gave to the Academy in 1932.

"I would ask you to remember that you have come here to have your first lessons in three principles which must guide an officer of a National Army," the Field Marshal had said and laid down the three following rules to follow:

First: The safety, honour and welfare of your country come **FIRST,** always and every time.

Second: The honour, welfare and comfort of the men you command come **NEXT.**

Third: Your own ease, comfort and safety come **LAST,** always and every time.

"Do not find anything colonial in what Field Marshal Chetwode said. In fact, his credo for officers is even more relevant today than in those times," the message said.

If Modi government thinks this is the way to rewrite our military history under the political policy of 'decolonisation' drive, as some veterans believe them to be, it is much regrettable and undesirable. How would those who fought in the Bangladesh War feel? I guess the present government in its enthusiasm to correct historical wrongs, which is necessary, is barking up the wrong tree.

The history of India before Independence (15th August 1947) should certainly be rewritten and references to rewrite are available from many authentic sources — excavation, writings on palmyra leaves, copper plates, archives, cave paintings and wall reliefs, stone engravings, Ashoka Pillars, edicts so on and so forth.

During the days of Nehru and Indira Gandhi past history was certainly not written truthfully with veracity for political reason — primarily to please the Muslim voters. Therefore, Indian history, in many cases, must be rewritten but 'decolonisation' move must not hurt the **history makers** of post-independence era. But what was done at the Army HQ with that historic picture is certainly not correct. Unfortunately, Nehru lost in one war, Lal Bahadur Shastri won a war, Indira Gandhi too won a war (in 1971) and Atal Bihari Vajpayee won the Kargil war. All wars were fought by our INDIAN ARMY. Then what's the problem? What is historically wrong here?

"Decolonisation" should start with removing all Mughal and Colonial names of streets and buildings that bear the names of Muslim rulers like Aurangzeb and British politicians and Generals like Reginald Dyer or Robert Clive. **But spare the name of foreigners who contributed for the good of our administrative systems and the country like Field Marshal Chetwode.**

However, let Modi government focus attention on 'decolonisation', as some call this, being already late by 75 years. To begin with let us remove the Mughal and British names of roads named after persons who were evil and bad rulers.

We should not throw the baby with the bathwater.

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War Memorial

(Continued from page 1)

Glossy modern touch

The various meticulously shaped stone slabs were joined one above the other using a large crane. Final polishing was carried out, followed by the placement of cement.

The polishing of the slabs is expected to be completed within 15 days, after which the slabs will be systematically joined to the cement base in a gopuram style.

High-quality green stone will be added around and beneath the slabs to provide a traditional and glossy modern touch. Finally, inscriptions will be engraved on the slabs in golden colour to create a lasting impression. The Memorial will be constructed in a traditional square shape.

In one section of the Memorial, three arches will be constructed to depict the insignia of India's three military forces — Army, Navy and Air Force. On the remaining three sides, military tanks, fighter jets, ships, artillery and other equipment used in warfare will be displayed.

For this purpose, the Army has agreed to provide the necessary military equipment for display. Retired Army Officer and current Commissioner of Mangaluru City Corporation, C.L. Anand, has been actively involved in the correspondence process. Upon completion, the war tanks, guns and other equipment will be transported to Mysuru.

Struggle for 25 years

The Memorial is coming up, thanks to the relentless efforts of ex-servicemen led by Air Veteran Mandetira N. Subramani (now late), also the President of Vekare Ex-Servicemen Trust.

In 2000, he submitted a petition to the State Government and the Mysuru District Administration, demanding the construction of a War Memorial. In 2010, a renewed petition led to the search for a suitable location for the Memorial.

Although the process was temporarily halted, it was revived again in 2012. In 2016, the then Assistant Commissioner of Mysuru, C.L. Anand, completed the necessary processes and submitted a proposal to the Government.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Anand said that they have a target of completing the project by Jan. 26, 2025. "The goal is to dedicate the Memorial on Republic Day. Already, exquisite stones worth crores of rupees donated from Chamarajanagar and Hassan are being used to shape the Memorial, with final polishing work currently underway. Soon, the slabs will be placed on the flat form of the Memorial," he added.

MUDA 50:50 sites scam

Ex-Corporator accused of forging documents

BJP's M.C. Ramesh accused of amassing property worth Rs. 12.60 crore for a mere Rs. 37 lakh

Advocate Ravi Kumar addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan in city yesterday as others look on.

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (BLU&BCT)- Even as investigations into the site allotment scam in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) are under progress from Lokayukta, Enforcement Directorate (ED) and Justice P.N. Desai One-Man Commission, fresh cases of fraudulent allotments continue to surface.

The latest case involves the allotment of sites worth crores of rupees under the 50:50 scheme, without MUDA even acquiring the necessary land. According to MUDA rules, compensatory sites can only be allotted to landowners under the 50:50 ratio if the land has been acquired for layout formation without formal land acquisition procedures.

However, in this instance, sites were allotted to individuals who did not own any land. Former Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Corporator M.C. Ramesh of the BJP has been accused of forging documents to obtain sites under the 50:50 scheme.

These allegations were made during a press conference at Patrakarthara Bhavan by Advocate Ravi Kumar and former MUDA employee P.S. Nataraj.

"Former Corporator M.C. Ramesh has committed blatant irregularities, illegally obtaining sites under the 50:50 scheme," Ravi Kumar alleged. He stated that the first Income Tax (IT) case has been registered against Ramesh, who allegedly engaged in black money transactions and evaded TDS, Income Tax and stamp duty payments.

In 1994, MUDA ordered the acquisition of 1.2 acres of land in Survey Number 126/2A of Basavanahalli village, Mysuru taluk, owned by Honnegowda alias Amavasya Gowda, son of Honnegowda.

Sites acquired through GPA

However, the land was never acquired, leaving the ownership intact with Honnegowda. Despite this, MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar, on May 3, 2023, approved multiple sites in Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 2nd Phase, for Honnegowda.

These included two 60x90 sites, one 30x40 site, and one 20x30 site. Subsequently, Ramesh acquired these sites through a General Power of Attorney (GPA).

Ramesh is accused of leveraging political influence to secure these high-value sites for just Rs. 3,000 per square foot, obtaining property worth Rs. 12.60 crore for a mere Rs. 37 lakh. "This case is unprecedented, as MUDA regulations explicitly prohibit allotments larger than 50x60 or smaller than 20x30 under the 50:50 scheme," said Ravi Kumar.

He noted the hypocrisy of BJP members who highlight MUDA scams by the Congress party while their leaders are also involved.

Action against Dinesh Kumar, Natesh

Another irregularity was revealed involving former MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh. Allegedly, he approved a 30x40 site as alternative land under the 50:50 scheme by altering survey numbers for a site where a road had been constructed.

Both Dinesh Kumar and Natesh, as MUDA Commissioners, are accused of handing over land worth crores of rupees to the land mafia. Ravikumar demanded their dismissal and imprisonment, asserting that criminal cases should be filed against them.

Nataraj criticised Ramesh's blatant violation of laws and called for the immediate return of the fraudulently obtained sites. "Ramesh should follow the example of CM Siddaramaiah's family, who returned their sites," he said.

'Puttari' festival celebrated with pomp and gaiety in Mysuru

Mysuru, Dec. 15- 'Puttari' the festival of harvest, was celebrated with gaiety, pomp and splendour by Mysuru Kodava Samaja at Sri Cauvery Educational Institutions premises in Kuvempunagar here yesterday.

Marking the festival, members of the Kodava community paid obeisance to Igguthappa and Goddess Cauvery and prayed for prosperity and wellbeing of people and copious rainfall in the State.

The members celebrated by doing *Nere Katti* in the paddy field and taking home the grain (Dhaanya Lakshmi). They also fired in air as a mark of celebration.

Earlier, the Kodava community men and women, dressed in their traditional attire, performed Puja to God Igguthappa and enjoyed the festival by singing songs and performing dance. While women wore red and green coloured sarees, men wore the traditional Black *Kuppia* (coat) with Chele tied around their waist. Young Kodava women presented an attractive dance performance to the tunes of the song *Kodava Kula Devi Kaveri.* Later, traditional Kodava dance forms such as *Kolaat, Bolakaat, Kathiyaat, Baalo Paat, Pareyakali, Vaalagathaat* etc. were performed.

Mysuru Kodava Samaja President Ponjanda A. Ganapathi, Vice-President Machimada P. Nanaiah, Hon. Secretary Ketolira A. Belliappa, Joint Secretary Ajjikuttira Diana Poovaiah, Treasurer Ittira G. Kashiyappa and other office-bearers were present.

Chanting of Hanuman Chalisa

Devotees create new Guinness Record at Ganapathy Ashram

Mysuru, Dec.15 (TRR)- More than 650 devotees created a new Guinness World Record by chanting Hanuman Chalisa continuously for 33 hours, 33 minutes and 33 seconds at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram here surpassing the earlier record of Hanuman Chalisa recital recorded at Sri Swaminarayana Bhajan Yaga, Vadodara, by Sadguru Sri Janani Vandavasi Swami Kundaldham.

The earlier Guinness record was 27 hours 27 minutes and 27 seconds. To record the latest Guinness feat, the organisation had sent its representative Swapnil Dangarikar to Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram.

The record-breaking recital by devotees at the Ashram is included by the Guinness organisation under its Continuous Recital *(satata parayana)* World Record category.

In addition, the postal stamp brought out by the postal department to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of Ashram's Nada Mantapa has also entered the Guinness Books of World Record as the biggest Postal Stamp measuring 3.12 mtsx4.2mts.

Techie Atul Subhash suicide case

Estranged wife, mother-in-law and brother-in-law arrested

Bengaluru, Dec. 15 (Agencies)- The Bengaluru City Police on Sunday arrested techie Atul Subhash's estranged wife Nikita Singhania, mother-in-law Nisha Singhania and brother-in-law Anurag Singhania on charges of abetment to suicide.

Nikita Singhania was arrested in Gurugram, while her mother Nisha Singhania and brother Anurag Singhania were detained in Prayagraj. Nkita's uncle Sushil Singhania, another accused, is absconding.

All four accused had sought anticipatory bail from Allahabad High Court. Police have booked the accused under sections 108 (abetment of suicide) and 3(5) (criminal act with a common intention) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Atul Subhash, a 34-year-old software engineer, was found dead at his residence in Munekolala in Bengaluru on Dec. 9, leaving behind a 24-page note and video accusing his wife and her family of harassment.

A cover-up?

Meanwhile, it has come to light now that several files in a Google Drive link he shared before his death have mysteriously gone missing. The files missing from the shared Google Drive include his 24-page suicide note.

Several social media posts have alleged a "clean-up" to destroy evidence.

Some users, who had saved the files earlier, have shared them again on multiple platforms. Some have also accused law enforcement authorities of getting Google to remove the files.

Techie Atul Subhash's wife Nikita Singhania (second from right), her mother Nisha Singhania and brother Anurag Singhania, who were arrested today, seen with a cop.

Six years to Sulwadi Maramma Temple poisoning case

Tragedy still haunts family members of 17 victims

Hanur (Chamarajanagar), Dec. 15 (VNS)- Six years have passed since the Sulwadi Maramma Temple (Kichguth Maramma Temple) prasadam poisoning tragedy claimed 17 lives in Chamarajanagar District and left the nation in shock.

The families of the deceased still grieve, revisiting the graves of their loved ones and recalling the horror of that fateful day.

On Dec. 14, 2018, 17 people from Bidarahalli, M.G. Doddi, and Martalli lost their lives, and over 150 others fell seriously ill after consuming poison-laced prasadam at the temple. Survivors continue to grapple with multi-organ ailments, frequently visiting hospitals for treatment.

Family members of the deceased grieving in front of the grave.

On that ill-fated day, hundreds of devotees were poisoned after consuming prasadam laced with insecticide. Among the 17 who died were five women and two children. Over 100 others survived after receiving intensive treatment at various hospitals.

The subsequent Police investigation revealed that the poisoning was a deliberate act. Salur Mutt Junior Pontiff Immadi Mahadevaswamy, along with three accomplices — Madesh, Ambika and Doddaiah — was arrested for allegedly orchestrating the crime. Reports suggested the junior pontiff carried out the heinous act to settle a personal enmity with the senior pontiff.

After the incident, the State Government took over the temple under Section 42 of the Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowment Act 1997.

Over 500 illegal hoardings ruin city landscape

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Shockingly, MCC officials have taken no action against the advertising agencies responsible, raising serious doubts about their intentions. The very officials, tasked with preserving Mysuru's beauty and cleanliness, have not curbed the installation of unauthorised hoardings.

This silence has fuelled public suspicion, with many questioning whether these officials are indirectly supporting the illegal proliferation of flex boards.

Hunsur Road

From Metropole Circle to Hinkal Ring Road Junction, 25 hoardings dominate the skyline. Key locations include one hoarding near the Old DC Office welcome arch, one near the Kalamandira signal junction, two near the gate of Jaladarshini Guest House, and three at the Paduvarahalli junction.

Additional hoardings are spotted near St. Philomena's Circle (3), the Rani Bahadur Auditorium (1), Basappa Memorial Hospital (1), Grandpa's Kitchen (1), Aishwarya Petrol Bunk Junction (3), Kia Showroom (1), Ruchi The Prince (1), Suzuki Showroom opposite Rudset Institute in Hinkal (1), and two at the Flyover Signal Junction.

KRS Road

On KRS Road, between Royal Inn Junction and Dasappa Circle near Mandovi Motors, 10 large L-shaped iron advertisement hoardings have been installed.

Key spots include one hoarding near Hebbal Layout welcome arch, one near Kumbarakoppal Gate, one near Gokulam Green Park, one in front of Vontikoppal Sri Lakshmivenkataramanaswamy Temple, two near Vontikoppal signal lights, one near the Railway Hospital, one near Akashvani Circle, one near the Vivekananda Statue at Cheluvamba Park, and one near Mandovi Motors — totalling 10.

Beyond these, hoardings have been indiscriminately installed along JLB Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road, Lalit Mahal Road, M.G. Road and Chamaraja Double Road. Sizes range from 60x5 feet to 45x25 feet, with some reaching massive proportions such as 85x8 feet, further affecting Mysuru's aesthetic charm.

If MCC officials fail to act promptly to remove these unauthorised structures, this issue threatens to escalate into a major civic problem, tarnishing Mysuru's reputation as a city of heritage and beauty.

Spoiling Mysuru city's aesthetics

"Hoardings have been sprouting like mushrooms in a city celebrated for its cleanliness, cultural heritage and serene appeal to retirees. Despite its earlier promise to make the city flex-free, the MCC permitted advertisement hoardings. Worse, unauthorised hoardings have proliferated across junctions, roads and circles, tarnishing the city's aesthetic charm.

While the MCC claims to strive for a clean Mysuru, its actions tell a different story. By granting permissions to agencies, it has encouraged the rampant installation of flex hoardings. The MCC must remove unauthorised hoardings installed beyond their permitted durations."

—C. Narayanagowda, President, Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association

Prof K.B. Prabhuprasad passes away

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (VNS)- Prof. K.B. Prabhuprasad (95) passed away at his residence, No. 11, Temple Road, this morning. He leaves behind his wife Bharathi, son Shubhadutt, daughter Yashomalini, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam here this evening, according to family sources.

K.B. Prabhuprasad

He was a Reader in English in Yuvaraja's College, Mysuru and Principal of Government First Grade College, Tumakuru and Maharani's Science College, Mysuru, before opting for voluntary retirement.

Prof. Prabhuprasad was the President of Sapta Swara Balaga, Mysuru and established a Hindustani Classical Music School in Mysuru. He was currently the Chairman of Bhagawan Sri Satya Sai Baba Mahila and Makkalakuta Trust, Mysuru.

He has also authored number of books including *Degulagala Daariyalli* (1961), *Ranga Antaranga* (1965) and *Man - The Maker of His Own Destiny* (1965).

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Nehruvian Economics, its Consequences

By R. Chandra Prakash

Those who fail to learn from history, are doomed to repeat it.
—Winston Churchill

Nehru was an honourable man. He was also a learned person, an intellectual and a great patriot. No one can question his integrity and nationalism. His overall contributions to the nation-building has to be recognised.

Chandra Prakash

However, these qualities and contributions cannot be a cover for his actions which in retrospect have been highly detrimental to a free Bharat. Because, no leader, however great he might be, can be more important than the Nation. History warns us not to repeat same mistakes because the consequences could be devastating. It is in this context that Churchill's above quote becomes relevant.

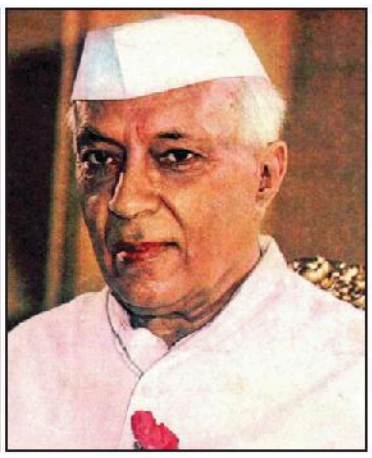
This article, therefore, is in continuation of my previous article titled ***Modi's Challenge: A Rejoinder — Nehru cannot be Spared,*** where an attempt was made to summarily explain how Nehru's legacy threw up challenges for Modi. Here it is endeavoured to elucidate Nehruvian Economics, its evolution, failures and its detrimental effects to the country.

Roots

The roots of Nehruvian Economics dates back to 1938, when the Indian National Congress (INC) set up a National Planning Committee. Nehru had played an active role in giving shape to National Planning Committee, its functional structure and the role of the State. This was a period when Russian Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, and Stalin's Economic Planning, had made cognisable influence upon the academic, economic and political fields all over the world. Subsequently, this went on to become the core of the post-independence Economic Policy, with the establishment of the **Planning Commission** under the Central Government.

The main objectives set for the INC's National Planning Committee were: removal of poverty, establishment of self-sufficiency and socialism. The Public Sector was to be the main instrument to achieve these objectives.

Joseph Stalin



Jawaharlal Nehru

Narendra Modi

Aristocratic Background

One has to remember here that Jawaharlal Nehru has had an aristocratic family background. His father Motilal Nehru was a well-established rich lawyer. His close relationship with Gandhiji made him an important figure in the INC as well.

Nehruvian Vs Gandhian Economics

In 1917, when the Russian Bolshevik Revolution took place, Nehru was already twenty-eight years of age. As evidenced above, also well-educated. He was a person of science and had a scientific temper. He was privy to all the knowledge of what was called 'modern' at that period of time He was privy to all the changes taking place in the economic and political fields all over the world.

Since he was not born in the bottom of the economic pyramid, his economic philosophy was obviously influenced NOT by grass-root personal experiences, but by the theoretical understanding of poverty and compassion for the down-trodden.

Under Nehruvian economics **Public Sector** was to play primary role in the core industrial and manufacturing activities. Investment into Public Sector was to be made by the State. New industrial complexes would be created which would provide jobs. In brief, it was Soviet Economic system! **And Private Sector was only to play a supportive role and that too mainly in the tertiary activities like Trade and Commerce.** Thus, Nehruvian economics presumed that Indian private sector was incapable of establishing large and medium industries on its own and unable to fathom necessary investments.

Gandhiji, in contrast, was a grass-root person, both in the economic and political sense. His economic thoughts were tempered by what he had experienced and experimented with in Transvaal, South Africa. Gandhiji had clear understanding of Bharat's social and religious foundations. Hence, his political philosophy of mass-based movements for independence was accompanied by his economic policies of rural-based mass Charka / Khadi and Co-operatives.

Gandhiji's call for shedding of foreign clothes and campaign for Swadeshi products not only created a big challenge for the British rulers, but it also integrated very well with his overall economic development philosophy. **In short, it was a Decentralised economic development policy, as against Nehru's highly Centralised one.**

Therefore, it is an enigma as to how, despite overbearing authority of Gandhiji over INC's policies, Nehru succeeded to impose upon the Congress his Soviet economic policy model! **There were some marginal concessions to Gandhian views, such as Co-operative Movement and Khadi! And Nehruvian economic planning became a reality soon after independence.**

Impact

In 1951, the First Five-Year Plan was launched. And during his tenure Nehru had launched three Five-Year Plans. A detailed analysis of performance of Five-Year Plans is beyond the scope of this write-up. It is suffice to recall that after the successful launching of the Third Five-Year Plan, Five-Year Plans gradually faded away from the scene. **They might have succeeded in the establishment of core industrial infrastructure in the country like Steel, Heavy Industry, Power, Mining, Transport, Foreign Trade, etc., but the set targets in every public sector were seldom met.** And the consequences to the nation were grave. **It certainly failed in its three objectives of alleviating poverty, in attaining self-sufficiency and in the establishment of socialism.**

Nehruvian economic model had **resulted in lopsided development** in the agricultural-industrial sectors; in the rural-urban geographies. It encouraged mass migration from the rural areas to the urban and industrial areas. It created Slums and Ghettos, resulting in degradation of human values. **It generated perennial shortages in all the sectors of production. It established a License-Quota Raj. Corruption became rampant. It resulted in exorbitant tax-evasion, created Black Markets and generated huge Black Money.** It weakened the private sector. It corrupted every segment of factors of production in the country. It would be suffice to say that Nehruvian economics failed and failed miserably.

Dictatorship Vs Democracy

It would be necessary to recall here that Soviet Model of economic policy was conceived and implemented under a political **dictatorship.** The State had full control over the factors of production, be it finance, raw material, human resources, infra-structure and could command them to their requirements. So much so even the migration of labour from the rural to industrial complexes or the urban areas were under the State control with quota system in operation. It was not suitable to the **democracy.** Ours is a Democracy.

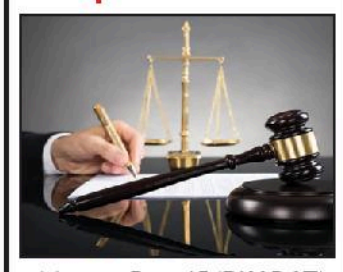
Interestingly, economic policy failed in the Soviet Union itself, as was evident from Gorbachev era; and also in the Communist China as was evidenced from the Mao period.

Against Bharat's Ingrained Character

Experiences of Nehruvian economic policy has established that it was contrary to the intrinsic character of Bharat. It disregarded the people's individual drive, competence and capacity. It ignored the lessons of its illustrious long history.

Double murder

Court sentences auto driver to life imprisonment



Mysuru, Dec. 15 (RK&BCT)- The 5th Additional District and Sessions Court has sentenced Yogesh, an autorickshaw driver, to life imprisonment for the murder of two individuals following a road accident on May 24, 2024, at Kotehundi village on H.D. Kote Road.

The incident occurred when Yogesh, driving a passenger auto (KA-09-D-4567), abruptly turned right without signalling, colliding with a goods vehicle (KA-09-C-9552) driven by T. Manjunath.

The accident caused damage to the goods vehicle, prompting Manjunath and his associate R. Manjunath, to confront Yogesh and demand compensation for repairs.

The argument escalated into a heated altercation, during which Yogesh's mother intervened, urging the men to stop fighting with her son. However, in a fit of rage, Yogesh pulled out a knife and stabbed R. Manjunath in the chest and T. Manjunath in the stomach. Both succumbed to their injuries.

Inspector K. Jeevan of Jayapura Police Station conducted investigation and filed a charge sheet against Yogesh. During the trial, Judge Gururaj Somakkalavar reviewed the evidence presented by Public Prosecutor B.E. Yogeshwar and found Yogesh guilty of the crime.

Yogesh was sentenced to one year of rigorous imprisonment and fined Rs. 1,000 under Section 504 of the IPC for intentional insult and provocation. Additionally, he received life imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 10,000 under Section 302 of the IPC for the murders.

Crime prevention month tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 15- City's Vandana Charitable Foundation, in association with the Police Department, will be observing 'Crime prevention month' at Sri Chayadevi Educational Institutions, Rajendranagar, N.R. Mohalla at 2 pm tomorrow (Dec. 16) and at Government High School, N.R. Mohalla at 3 pm on Dec. 24, according to a press release. For details, contact Mob: 63666-76955.

NEWS BRIEFS

Devotional Music by Dr. Suma Harinath

Dr. Suma Harinath

As part of Hanuma Jayanti, city's Vidushi Dr. Suma Harinath will present a devotional Music concert (bhakti sangeetha) at Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple premises at the Palace North Gate at 7 pm tomorrow (Dec. 16). She will be accompanied by Vidwan Chethan on Violin and Vidwan Shyam on Mridangam, according to a press release. The programme has been organised under the aegis of Sri Chamundeshwari Kshetra Development Authority cluster temples cultural programmes.

Dhanurmasa Puja

As part of Dhanurmasa, special pujas will be performed at cluster temples in Suttur, Nanjangud — Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Kartru Gadduge, Sri Veerabhadreshwara, Sri Someshwara, Sri Mahadeshwara and Sri Narayanaswamy Temples — from Dec. 16 to Jan. 14.

Chanakya Finance investors get back their deposits

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (MK&DM)- Good news to Chanakya Finance investors who had deposited money, as the Mysuru District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum has succeeded in ensuring that the aggrieved investors get back their deposits.

Chanakya Finance company, which had set up office on Benki Nawab Street in Mandi Mohalla, had allegedly cheated investors after collecting fixed deposits ranging from Rs.10,000 to Rs.10 lakh, amounting to Rs.7 crore, with a promise of higher interest, following which more than 500 complaints were filed against the Finance company in 2010.

Acting on the complaints, the Forum began the process to recovery of money by confiscating the assets (both movable and immovable) of Chankaya Finance company and auctioning them. Subsequently, Rs.4.40 crore got from auction, has been returned to the investors, while the process of returning the remaining Rs.1.38 crore to investors in underway.

Initiating the auction process, the Forum put up the Kalyana Mantapa at Vishweshwaranagar that was owned by the company for auction on Sep.18 ,2024. But as the bidders did not participate, the Forum put it up for auction again on Sept. 25 with a base price of Rs. 5.10 crore, following which the Kalyana Mantapa was auctioned for Rs. 5,78,16,000.

Out of the revenue earned, the Forum began issuing cheques to 325 of the more than 500 investors, returning the fixed deposit amount, sans any Interest. The cheque issuance process will continue in January too, when almost all the remaining investors will get back their deposits, sans any Interest.

Though the Forum had taken up the case 12 years ago, the recovery process went on at a snail's pace, which left the depositors disappointed. However, Forum Chairperson A.K. Naveen Kumari, who is also a retired District Court Judge, after taking charge of the post, hastened the recovery process and succeeded in ensuring that the aggrieved investors get back their deposits.

Naveen Kumari

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Naveen Kumari said that the Forum has been functioning in a more effective manner for the past two years.

Maintaining that the Forum has brought down the number of cases from 860 to 384, she said that cases which remained pending for over 10 years too has been resolved now along with new cases.

Noting that about 50 consumer disputes cases are being registered in the District Forum on an average every month, she said that steps are being taken to reduce the cases, she added.

House burgled: Rs. 11 lakh cash stolen at Mydanahalli

Mysuru, Dec. 15 (SBD&KS)- Miscreants, who broke into a house have decamped with Rs. 11 lakh cash. The burglary took place at the house of Electrical Contractor D. Krishna at Mydanahalli in Yelwal hobli.

On Dec. 12, Krishna, along with his wife Vijaya left to his son's house at Mettur in Tamil Nadu after locking the house. The next day morning, his neighbour called him over the phone and informed him that the door of the house was open, following which the couple rushed back to Mysuru in the evening.

On arriving at the house, the couple saw that the front door of the house was forcibly opened and on inspecting the house, they found Rs. 11 lakh cash kept in the almirah has been stolen.

Based on the complaint from Krishna, Yelwal Police who have registered a case are investigating.

Obituary

Fathima Swamy

Mysuru, Dec. 15- Fathima Swamy (68), a resident of Naidu Nagar, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind her husband, one daughter, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral will be held tomorrow at 9.30 am at the Catholic Cemetery on Mahadevapura Road in Gandhinagar, according to family sources.

M. Devegowda

M. Devegowda (70), theatre artiste and a resident of K.G. Koppal, passed away yesterday in city.

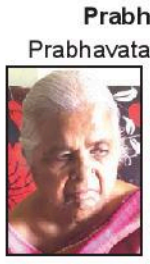
He leaves behind his mother Hombalamma, wife Devamma, two sons, daughters-in-law, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds today, according to family sources.

Puttamma

Puttamma (62), a resident of K.G. Koppal, passed away yesterday in city. She leaves behind her husband Swamy, one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds this morning.

Prabhavatamma



Prabhavatamma (86), a resident of Tilaknagar, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind son Prakash Babu, daughter Vasantha Kumari and a host of relatives and friends.

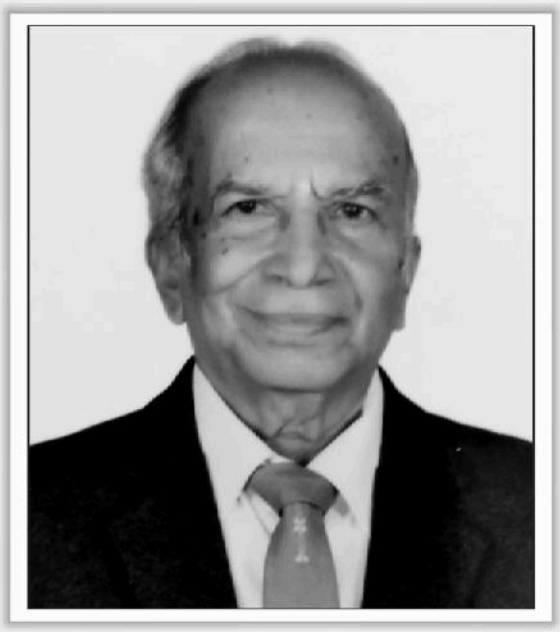
Funeral took place at CSI Cemetery on Mahadevapura Road in Gandhinagar this morning.

Alhaj Shaik Mohammed Ayub

Alhaj Shaik Mohammed Ayub (66), prop. Modern Sewing Machine Co. and a resident of Rajivnagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza was performed today after Zohar Salath (2.30 pm) followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Shraddhanjali



Professor K.B. Prabhuprasad

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It is with profound sorrow and regret that we announce the passing of our beloved chairman. He was not only an extraordinary leader but also a guide, mentor, and an exceptional human being who inspired us all with his vision and compassion. His wisdom, kindness, and unwavering dedication will forever remain in our hearts, and his absence will be deeply felt by everyone whose lives he touched.

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KSLTA-Asian Junior U-14 Tournament

Double delight for Aarav, Padmapriya

Mysuru girl Padmapriya signs off with second double of 2024

*Doubles winners (from left) **Yash Kumar, Aarav Chhallani and Padmapriya Ramesh Kumar and Jahnavi Tammineedi.***

Bengaluru, Dec. 15- Dominant Aarav Chhallani and Padmapriya Ramesh Kumar clinched a splendid double each in the KSLTA-Asian Junior (U-14) Tournament at the KSLTA Tennis Stadium Courts here yesterday.

In an all-Indian final, Chhallani, playing his first Asian Tennis Federation of the year, came out all guns blazing to outclass Arjun Manikandan 6-0, 6-3 for his maiden international title.

Two hours later, the 12-year-old Mumbai lad added another title, annexing the doubles crown with partner Yash Kumar. The unheralded duo defeated the third-seeded pair of Armaan Dua and Arsh Kathuria in straight sets at 6-4, 6-3. Chhallani heads to Jaipur next week for a Grade I event.

In the girls' final, also an all-Indian clash, second-seeded Padmapriya ended giant-killer Diya Ravikumar Janaki's run with a comfortable 6-2, 6-3 victory. The Mysuru-based 12-year-old called the shots from the get-go and breezed through without any hiccups.

However, she and partner Jahnavi Tammineedi, the top seeds in doubles, had to play out of their skin against third seeds Ayessha Bagla and Diya Ravikumar Janaki. The top-seeded pair played the big points well in the deciding super tiebreak to emerge 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 victors.

For Padmapriya, the seventh standard student from Excel Public School in Mysuru, this was her fourth title of the season and second ATF double triumph. The second seed had clinched both the singles and doubles titles at the Guwahati tournament earlier in May.

RESULTS

Boys - Singles: (8) Aarav Chhallani bt Arjun Manikandan 6-0, 6-3; **Doubles:** Aarav Chhallani/ Yash Kumar bt (3) Armaan Dua/ Arsh Kathuria 6-4, 6-3.

Girls - Singles: (2) Padmapriya Ramesh Kumar bt (8) Diya Ravikumar Janaki 6-2, 6-3; **Doubles:** (1) Padmapriya Ramesh Kumar/ Jahnavi Tammineedi bt (3) Ayessha Bagla/ Diya Ravikumar Janaki 6-3, 4-6, 10-5.

Senior State Basketball Association Cup

Teresian College bags runners-up trophy

Seen in the picture are** (standing from left) **Rakshitha Shetty, Preeti Mallappa Kadadalli, Y.K. Shakthi (Captain), B.S. Girish (DYES Basketball Coach), M.K. Yashaswini, K.P. Meghana and R. Nandini;** (sitting from left) **B.L. Kusuma, M.G. Jeshtnavi, Madhu, Aishwarya R. Sandrimani, M. Meghana and Chandana.

Bengaluru, Dec. 15- Teresian College basketball team emerged as runners-up in the Senior State Basketball Association Cup held at Kanteerava Stadium, here recently. The tournament was organised by Karnataka State Basketball Association (KSBBA). College management, Principal, Director of Department of Physical Education and Sports, Staff and students have congratulated the team and the coach.

Team Genesis organises Jiu Jitsu jam in city

Mysuru, Dec. 15- City-based MMA club Team Genesis, recently celebrated its 10th anniversary by organising a Jiu Jitsu Jam at a private hotel in city. The event featured Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ) practitioners from across the country, showcasing their strength.

An eight-man tournament was also organised to mark the celebrations in which J. Thushar of Team Genesis, Mysuru won by a submission against Havish Reddy of Kaizen MMA, Bengaluru.

RESULTS

Quarter-finals

Fight 1: Harish Gouli (Team Genesis, Mysuru) def. Animesh (Super Human Gym, Manipal); **Fight 2:** J. Thushar (Team Genesis, Mysuru) def. Akash Rathod (ICSA, Bengaluru); **Fight 3:** Havish Reddy (Kaizen MMA, Bengaluru) def. G. Harsha (Team Genesis, Mysuru); **Fight 4:** Phanjoubam Niranjan (Kaizen MMA, Bengaluru) def. Satyajit Changmai (Goa).

Semi-finals:

Semi-final 1: J. Thushar (Team Genesis, Mysuru) def. Harish Gouli (Team Genesis, Mysuru); **Semi-final 2:** Havish Reddy (Kaizen MMA, Bengaluru) def. Phanjoubam Niranjan (Kaizen MMA, Bengaluru).

Final

J. Thushar (Team Genesis, Mysuru) def. Havish Reddy (Kaizen MMA, Bengaluru)

The sole women's super-fight of the evening featured Leela (Team Genesis, Mysuru) Vs Harshita (ICSA, Bangalore). After a nail-biting contest, Leela secured an overtime win.

Chess tourney winners

The men's chess team of JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE), emerged winners in the Mysuru City Inter-Collegiate Chess Tournament 2024-25 organised by JSS Law College recently. Seen in the picture are SJCE Physical Education Director Dr. C. Revanna, JSS STU Registrar Dr. S.A. Dhanaraj, Vice-Chancellor Dr. A.N. Santosh Kumar, SJCE Principal (in-charge) Dr. C. Nataraju;** (standing from left) **Ramesh, M.U. Tejas, N. Rakesh, Sushant Kabbinada and Krishna.

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	(S-2)	9.40 pm; (S-3) 6.05 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (H)	(S-1)	5.50 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (Te)	(S-4)	2.10 pm, 6 pm, 9.50 pm
Rudhiram (Ma)	(S-1)	9.50 pm
Soodhukavvum 2 (Ta)	(S-2)	11.05 am
Bairathi Ranagal (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Moana 2 (E-3D)	(S-2)	4.40 pm; (S-3) 1.55 pm
	(S-4)	11.55 am
Miss You (Ta)	(S-2)	7 pm
The Lord of the Rings (E)	(S-3)	11.10 am, 9.55 pm
Haridasara Dinachari (K)	(S-3)	4 pm

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Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (K)	:	1 pm, 4.45 pm
		7.30 pm, 9 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (Te)	:	1.30 pm, 5.15 pm
		9.30 pm
Amaran (K)	:	1.15 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	:	4.25 pm
Rudhiram (Ma)	:	7 pm

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		2.30 pm, 5 pm, 6.30 pm
		9 pm, 10.30 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (Te)	:	9.30 am, 1.30 pm
		5.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (K)	:	9.40 am, 1.40 pm
		8 pm, 10 pm
The Lord of the Rings (E)	:	10.35 am, 7.05 pm
Thalapathi (Ta)	:	11.15 am
Solo Leveling - ReAwakening (Japanese)	:	1.30 pm
Miss You (Ta)	:	2.40 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	:	4.10 pm
Mera Naam Joker (1970) (H)	:	5.30 pm
Moana 2 (E-3D)	:	5.40 pm
Bobby (H)	:	10.30 pm

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Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (K)	:	9.45 am, 1.45 pm
		5.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (H)	:	10.30 am, 2.30 pm, 5.30 pm
		6.30 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (Te)	:	11.40 am, 6 pm, 10 pm
Fear (Te)	:	12 noon
Aaram Arvindswamy (K)	:	2.35 pm
Moana 2 (E-3D)	:	3.40 pm

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Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (Te)	:	9.30 am, 1.30 pm
		5.30 pm, 10 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (K)	:	10 am, 2 pm
		6 pm, 9.30 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (H)	:	10.30 am, 11.40 am, 2.30 pm
		6.30 pm, 9 pm, 10.30 pm
Moana 2 (E-2D)	:	3.40 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	:	6.05 pm

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Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (H)	:	9.30 am, 10.30 am, 1.30 pm
		5.30 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (K)	:	10 am, 2 pm
		6 pm, 10 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (Te)	:	10.10 am, 2.30 pm
		5 pm, 10.30 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (Ma)	:	9 pm
Miss You (Ta)	:	2.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 15)

- **Fusion Ragas Music and Spiritual Association:** Pancha Maha Shakti Puja, darshan for public, Jayamma Govinde Gowda Kalyana Mantapa, Kuvempunagar, **3.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Pavana Melodies:** Kannada Film Songs Musical Evening, Lakshmi Dinesh of 'Junior Janakamma' fame chief guest, Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **4 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Charu Samskrutika Pratishtana and Anubhooti, Mysuru:** Presenting mono act 'Deepadharini' by Srividya Kamath, directed by Dr. Sripad Bhat; writer Dr. Shantha Nagaraj guest, releasing of book 'Yekangi Kavayatriya Pravasada Diary,' #208, SBM and Other Bank Employees Welfare Layout, Ring Road, **5.30 pm.** [Mob: 89711-44897]
- **Mysore Yoga Okkuta:** 24th anniversary, Health Week for the benefit of public, Dr. Dayanand delivers lecture, Vishwamanava Yoga Sevasharama Trust, KHB Layout, **5.30 pm to 6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Seva Pratishtana:** 'Tingala Tilivu' lecture programme, vocal recital by V. Dhanya Paul, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Diabetologist Dr. V. Lakshminarayana delivers lecture on 'Diabetes - What, Why and How to Control,' Paramahamsa Dhyana Kendra, Ramakrishna Circle Ground Floor, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Moonlight Music-274, vocal concert by Vidu. Prithvi Bhaskar, accompanied by Vid. M.P. Kritik Koushik on violin, Vid. Nandan Kashyap on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**
- **Innovative, Mysuru:** Yaksha Sambhrama-2024 by Sri Idagunji Mahaganapati Yakshagana Mandali, Keremane, Yakshagana 'Kanakangi Kalyana,' Sri Krishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**

  Dixit Aarogya Dhaama: Full Moon Day Special Programme, Aananda-Aarogya, instrumental concert by Vid. Keshav Mohankumar on violin, Vid. T. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata; Discourse on 'Common ailments of elbow and wrist' by Dr. Ajay Koushik, consultant orthopaedic, joint replacement and sports surgeon, Dixit Aarogya Dhaama, #12, Main Road, near Jodi Bevinamara, C-Block, 3rd Stage, Vijayanagar, **6 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Staging of English play 'Speak Your Mind' (Script by George Freek; Direction by A.K. Monnappa), Kalpakshetra, 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Agni mattu Male,' written by Girish Karnad, directed by Saliyana Umesh Narayana, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram:** Dattatreya Jayanti celebrations, Teppotsava for Sri Dattatreya Swamy at Saptarshi Sarovara, **7 pm;** Kakadarati to Sri Dattatreya at Nada Mantapa, Nada Mantapa, Ashram premises, Nanjangud Road, **8 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 16)

- **Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Vishnu Deepotsava, abhisheka to Sri Lakshmikanthaswamy and Sri Lakshmidevi, special homa, havana and special alankara, **7 am;** Ganapati Homa, Sudarshana Homa, Purnahuti, Sri Lakshmikanthaswamy Utsava, **4.30 pm;** Deepotsava, Sri Lakshmikantha Temple, opp. Infosys, Hebbal, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram:** Dattatreya Jayanti celebrations, Anniversary of Sri Raja Rajeshwari Temple, Mantra Upadesha, **6 am;** Chandi Homa, **8 am;** Sri Chakra Puja, **9 am;** Sri Lalita Sahasra Nama Parayana, **4 pm;** Kannada Discourse on Dattatreya by Vid. Pavagada Prakasha Rao, Nada Mantapa, Ashram premises, Nanjangud Road, **6 pm.**
- **Builders' Association of India, Mysore:** 24th Edition of MYBUILD-24, an expo of construction materials, interiors and lifestyles, Maharaja's College Grounds, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Psychology Department Alumni Association, University of Mysore (UoM) and Mysore Psychological Society:** Commemorating Psychology Department Alumni 'Rashtrakavi' Kuvempu's Birth Anniversary celebrations, Psychology Department Centenary celebrations, special lecture programme, UoM VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath inaugurates, UoM's DoS in Psychology Chairman Prof. Sampathkumar presides, Psychology Department Alumni Association Organising Secretary and KSOU's Psychology Department Chairman Dr. P. Manjunath delivers keynote address, NMKRV College (Bengaluru) retd. Professor M. Sridharmurthy and KSOU Kannada Department Lecturer Dr. Jyothishankar will deliver lectures, Psychology Department, Manasagangothri, **11 am.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru and Sakkari Balacharya 'Shantakavi' Trust, Dharwad:** Modern Kannada Theatre Day celebrations, programme on 'Shantakavi Sakkari Balacharya's life, writings and plays,' senior theatre persons Prof. H.S. Umesh & Dr. Prakash Garuda and theatre teacher Umesh Saliyana will deliver lectures, Rangayana Director Satish Tiptur presides, Kannada & Culture Department Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy & Asst. Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan will be present, B.V. Karanth Rangachavadi, Rangayana premises, **10.30 am.**
- **MYCAS College, Mysuru:** Releasing of the book titled 'Founders Next Door' carrying the entrepreneurial journeys of 11 Mysuru-based first generation entrepreneurs, authored by the students of B.Com (Hons.) (Financial Management) , Prof. N. Nagaraja, Registrar (Evaluation), University of Mysore (UoM), Amshi Prasanna Kumar, Executive Editor Kannada Prabha, Rangaswamy Mookanahalli, Author and Economist, N. Ravi Shankar, CEO, Aim High India and G. Ramacharan, Director-Operation, MYCAS College, will be present on the occasion, IBIS Styles Hotel, KRS Road, Mysuru, **4 pm to 6.30 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam, Mysuru:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by K.S. Sridharan, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's College, Bengaluru, Sanatani Sabha, 2nd Main, 10th Cross, Jayanagar, Mysuru, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by Vidu. Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.**

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